





THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

THE SYDNEY INFIRMARY.

To the Editor of the Herald.

As I shall not for some time have any opportunity for further discussion of the subject, it is well, perhaps, to anticipate some objections which may be raised to the proposed alteration in the tenure of the honorary medical appointments at the Infirmary.

It may be said—and this will probably be a popular view, though scarcely, I should imagine, a professional one—that the introduction from time to time of new persons, young, and comparatively inexperienced, practically young, however, may be to the detriment of the service in some instances to be considerably the reverse in the

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less or unequal to their duties, but who may be still willing to relinquish them; increased activity from the production of the blood of the black, and more limited use of service; and finally, the removal of the sense of justice which is now felt upon this subject among the great body of the profession.

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Hyde Park-terrace.

**THE HOLIDAY SHAM.**

*"And altemum partem."*  
*To the Editor of the Herald*

Two letters have recently appeared in the *Herald*, the one with the signature "A. W.," and the other that of a "Widower," commenting on the "excuse as such of school-holidays." Both letters appear to have written under a microscope, which will perhaps afford a fair chance to correct. This microscope, shared jointly by both your correspondents, is thus expressed by "A. W.," "The boys are supposed to receive twelve 'days' education and both of them, they receive only three-fourths of the tuition and care for which their terms are charged. If these words mean anything, they mean that the gentlemen who are engaged in the education in this colony are so deficient in a conscientious sense of duty, so wanting in integrity as faith-

the answer to this grave and unwarranted charge is, simply, given, indeed so easily that one can scarcely believe that your correspondents have made it lightly and so obviously. School-keeping, considered in its lowest aspect, is a mere commercial and business transaction between the parent and the schoolmaster, has its rules of action as well as any other usual in the world, and according to these rules, in every scholastic establishment for higher class of education, whether public or private, in England or elsewhere, nine months constitute a *scholastic year*. In the same manner, nine months constitute a *school year*. Hence school fees for board, or tuition, or both, salaries of masters are arranged on the supposition that all work is to be carried on for nine months only out of the year.

in which it is expressly stated that the quarterly fees are exclusive of six weeks vacation at Christmas and other holidays. It is also stated that the management is made to take care of the pupils during the vacations, if desired, "in other words, that the parents pay for the guidance and a bona fide expense of a pupil during the vacation." The contract is entered into by the parents and the schoolmaster, and is stipulated payment over and over the payment stipulated for the usual scholastic year. It is not a contract for a term of years, but before me is neither an unusual nor an original form. As regards the Grammar School and the other schools, the same is the case. The parents and the masters are engaged by the trustees to perform certain duties for a certain number of months in the year for a certain salary, and the trustees are bound to pay that salary, and so far understand, and so far respect the terms of covenant made with the masters, that it would be a very large amount of work than they had agreed to

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You must know the power of home influences, and so far as these influences are concerned, I am sure that the great majority of the white people of this colony would consider not only the abolition, but even the shortening of vacations, an arrangement which they would be in no degree thankful, and in no degree willing to pay, for.

Considering the amount of educational enterprises existing in this colony, I do not think that it would be very difficult to send some energetic Negroes ready to educate, clothe, and do for boys, without vacations, for a trid of weeks a year. It is only necessary to make the provision.

I am, Sir, yours,  
VINCEY.

*To the Editor of the Herald.*

Can you or any of your readers inform me which persons are the most suitable for the alluvial flats of the

ter River? I have been very much interested in the problem. I planned about an acre of the Tablitz property, up to the present time it has not thriven quite up to expectations, and I am at loss to know whether this is attributed to the unavailability of the soil, or want of proper cultivation. I have been very desirous to have a simple to keep down all weeds—with the habits of a plant I am entirely ignorant. I have been told that the insertion of these few lines will oblige

A SUBSCRIBER.

Perth, January 26th.

RETURN OF CHINESE TO CHINA.—Many of the Chinese in the district (see the *Mount Alexander Mail*) are packing up and preparing for the return trip to China. They are taking with them a large number of Chinese servants of estate. Cobb and Co.'s coaches from up country years ago were in the morning loaded with Magellans, and now in the evening they are loaded with Chinese. The Chinese have solved the problem of the way to govern

**WOMAN COMMITTED FOR THE MURDER OF HER HUSBAND.**—The Melbourne journals report that a man named John James, who had been charged with the murder of his wife, was taken to the Melbourne police station on Monday night, and was found dead in his cell. The police had been called to the station by a woman who had been seen to enter the station and was found lying on the floor. The police had been called to the station by a woman who had been seen to enter the station and was found lying on the floor. The police had been called to the station by a woman who had been seen to enter the station and was found lying on the floor.

clipped and quite dry, so that the wounds had become sometime. An axe was found in the hut with blood on it. On Monday, the 11th instant, the wife was taken into custody on suspicion of having committed the murder, for though the man was still living, no hopes could be entertained of his recovery. An inquest was held on the 19th instant, and a verdict of wilful murder was returned against the wife. It was the custom of the police to hang the murderer (charged with his murder) and Finnigan, who escaped from the wreck of the Tayleur, which was wrecked in the year 1853 or '64 off Lambay Island, or her husband.

A newly-married man of seventy-eight, in Buffalo, N. Y., has been grievously, but not surprised, to find his bride of fifteen had run away with his elder brother the other day.

















MERCANTILE AND MONEY MARKET.

MONDAY EVENING.

The Customs duties received at the port today were as follows:

Wine	£555 6 1
Whisky	211 11 8
Liquor	46 10 0
Beer	240 0 0
Alcohol	15 0 0
Tea	222 13 0
Coffee	140 10 4
Sugar	10 0 0
Spices	907 12 0
Total	£1206 1 3

The Banks have raised the rate of exchange on London by the outgoing mail to 1 per cent. premium, for bills at 60 days' sight.

The report of the Bulli Coal Company for the six months ending 31st ultimo, adopted at the half-yearly meeting held to-day, shows that during the period mentioned, 34,881 tons of coal had been sold from the company's mine, an increase of nearly 8000 tons on the preceding half of 1898. The company's operations left a net profit of £3499 1s. 10d., which, with a credit balance of £130 0s. 4d. from previous account, gave £3629 2s. 2d. as available for distribution. From this amount £591 9s. 7d. was placed to depreciation account, £500 to reserve, and £500 to insurance account. Out of the remaining sum a dividend was declared at the rate of 12½ per cent. per annum on ordinary shares, 10 per cent. per annum on preference shares, and £109 2s. 10d. carried to credit account. The reserve fund now amounts to £4000, and the insurance fund to £1561 15s. 1d.

There has been a moderate inquiry in the import markets during the day for trade parcels. In flour a limited business was done, at the closing rates of last week. New Adelaide wheat is scarce and inquired for. Advances per Oolong have caused holders of brandies and rum to advance their quotations to the extent of about 3d. per gallon. Beer, in wood and glass, is tolerably firm; considerable shipments of the new brew are advised, and may be looked for in a few days. The reported heavy shipments of cornsacks to Melbourne prove to have been an error, and instead of £16,000 there was only £1600 worth shipped during the month, holders consequently look for improved rates. The most noticeable feature in the market is the active demand for sugars, and a good quantity was placed to-day on private terms. Teas are dull of sale. The cargo ex Frisch is announced for unreserved sale by Messrs. Bradley, Newton, and Lamb on Wednesday.

The Home News commenting on the Board of Trade returns for October says:

The indications of the Board of Trade returns for the month of October are again satisfactory in the declared value of our exportations compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. There has been an increase of £1,027,756, or 6½ per cent., while, compared with October 1898, there has been an increase of £1,027,756, or 6½ per cent. The value of our imports has also increased, but not so much as our exports. The value of our exports has increased by £1,027,756, or 6½ per cent., while the value of our imports has increased by £1,027,756, or 6½ per cent. The value of our exports has increased by £1,027,756, or 6½ per cent., while the value of our imports has increased by £1,027,756, or 6½ per cent.

Mr. Jackson's review of the position and prospects of the wheat market, as published in the Times money article of December 4th, is as follows:

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From Stables' Circular of November 21st we take the following remarks on the month's shipments to Australia:

Four weeks ending Nov. 15. Increase, £205,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Nov. 22. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Nov. 29. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Dec. 6. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Dec. 13. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Dec. 20. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Dec. 27. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Jan. 3. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Jan. 10. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

Four weeks ending Jan. 17. Increase, £100,000. Decrease, £100,000.

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